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QLD Cash for Containers Scheme a Step Closer

Boomerang Alliance today welcomed the release of the State Government's Consultation Paper on a Container Deposit Scheme for Queensland (*Implementing Queensland's Container Refund Scheme*). The release of the paper keeps the government on track to introduce a scheme in July 2018.

'A container deposit scheme (cash for containers) in Queensland will slash litter, dramatically increase recycling of cans and bottles and provide a huge financial boost for community organisations interested in collecting cans and bottles,' said Toby Hutcheon, Queensland Manager of the Boomerang Alliance

'In Queensland we use over 2.4 billion beverage containers every year. Most are either landfilled or wasted, only a low proportion are recycled. In South Australia (and many other parts of the world that have the scheme) at least 80% of containers are recycled.'

Polling by the Boomerang Alliance in 2015 showed that 85% of Queenslanders support a scheme. A cash for containers scheme also enjoys the full support of the QLD LNP and the Independent MPs in the Queensland Parliament.

'The Boomerang Alliance and our allies are urging all Queenslanders to support this proposal and to make it a 'world's best practice scheme.'

The move to clean up Australia with a container refund scheme is on, with most states now committed – all that remains is Victoria and Tasmania. Eventually we will have a harmonised national approach between states.'